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We respectfully request a review of this matter at your earliest convenience as well as an explanation for the charges. If it is found that the charge is in error please credit our account in the amount of \$80.

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